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MEMORANDUM FOR: Division CA Officers

SUBJECT: Covert Action Training

1. The Covert Action Operations Course, scheduled for 23 January-10 February 1967, has been cancelled because of insufficient registration. This is the second successive cancellation of the course for this reason. There is evident need, therefore, to examine critically the matter of covert action training. With that in mind, I would like to invite your attendance at a meeting on 6 February 1967, at 1500 hours in the CA Staff Conference Room. The purpose would be to discuss the subject as fully as possible and to ensure that the views, interests, and experience of both CA Staff and the operating divisions can be brought to bear upon it.

2. I would hope that this discussion would lead to a more precise and realistic identification of actual training requirements in the covert action field. It would be helpful if you could come to the meeting armed with specific information on the number of positions in your Division for which orientation or skills training or both may be required. It would also be useful to review the training received to date by the incumbents in those positions. For future planning purposes we would also like to know your estimate of the probable rotation in assignments to those positions. In addition, your specific suggestions for courses to be run as well as on content and technique would be welcomed.

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